

with her thought provoking, influential editorials on the reform of the death penalty. As a veteran reporter whose journalistic prowess earned her much recognition, Cornelia was made a member of the Chicago Tribune editorial board in 2000.

Cornelia's Pulitzer citation reads: For distinguished editorial writing, the test of excellence being clearness of style, moral purpose, sound reasoning, and power to influence public opinion in what the writer conceives to be the right direction. Awarded to Cornelia Grumman of the Chicago Tribune for her powerful, freshly challenging editorials on reform of the death penalty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Cornelia Grumman on her achievements and wish Cornelia many years of future success.

A TRIBUTE TO JUAN GUILLEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Juan Guillen in recognition of his significant and diverse contributions to his community in the fields of media, business, and arts.

Representing and reaching out to the Dominican community, Juan is currently publisher and Chief Executive Officer of the Dominican Times Magazine, La Revista Oficial de Dominicanos. From his office in the East New York section of Brooklyn, New York, he heads the regional, bi-lingual publication, Dominican Times, which targets Dominican-Americans. This publication is distributed in seven states in the northeast and its voice is very influential in the Dominican-American community.

In the world of enterprise, Juan has owned and operated various businesses from 1982 through 2002 throughout Brooklyn and Queens. He has developed diverse companies, ranging from three successful dry cleaning businesses to a fitness club and a retail store for clothing and sneakers.

Juan has also made a contribution to the arts in his community through his independent feature film, "A Madness in Brooklyn." This comedy, filmed entirely on location in Brooklyn, was written, directed and produced by Juan.

Mr. Speaker, Juan Guillen has made several important contributions to his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INSULAR AREAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that will authorize qualified public housing entities in Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to par-

ticipate in the "Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program." Congresswoman DONNA CHRISTENSEN of the Virgin Islands and Congressman ENI FALEOMAVAEGA of American Samoa have joined me as original co-sponsors of this legislation, which is important to the economic development of the insular areas.

Currently, all qualified entitlement public housing entities in the States are authorized to apply for government-backed loans to finance long-term projects under the Community Development Assistance Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), which established the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. Under "Section 108," the States and their local governments may apply for amounts up to five times their annual allotments of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Guam receives CDBG funding on an annual basis from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). However, many projects for which the funding could be utilized cost more than the annual allotment. My bill would authorize the insular areas that receive CDBG funding to apply for government-backed loans to help finance more expensive long-term projects. Future CDBG grant money could then be used as collateral in the insular areas, similar to how it is currently used in several of the States.

Officials at HUD have informed me that Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are excluded on the basis that their CDBG grant funds are authorized under a separate sub-section from the States. My bill would clarify that States and Territories would have access to the HUD financing program irrespective of this technical distinction.

My bill, the Insular Areas Community Development Act of 2003, would strengthen the law to provide for the same flexibility for the insular areas as is currently granted to the States in using CDBG funds. Support for this bill would recognize the need for long-term financing of community development projects important to the economic progress of the insular areas, and will result in improved planning and more efficient use of limited resources.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 5, 2003, had I been present for rollcall vote No. 248, I would have voted the following way: Rollcall vote No. 248 "aye".

CHILD TAX CREDIT

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deep disappointment with the tax bill recently signed into law by the President. While providing approximately \$350 billion in tax cuts, this law neglects many of our hard-working, low-income families. At the same time that

the bill provides tax cuts of \$93,500 to the 200,000 taxpayers making over \$1 million in our country, this bill leaves behind 8 million children by denying their families full access to the child tax credit.

This law fails to apply the child tax credit to some of America's neediest families—those earning between \$10,500 and \$26,625 per year. Of the 8 million children left behind in this tax law, one million live with parents who are on active duty service or are veterans. The children of our working families, especially those of our armed services, deserve our greatest support.

There are approximately 16,500 military families with children at Fort Bliss in my district. Anxiously awaiting news about the status of the members of the 507th Maintenance Company in late March, these families understand, more than most, what it means to sacrifice for our nation. These are the families of the brave men and women who fight to defend our freedoms, and they certainly do not deserve to be left out of this tax cut. I urge my colleagues to pass legislation immediately to extend the child tax credit to families making between \$10,500 and \$26,625 a year. Let us send a message to our hard-working families that they count too and that we recognize their efforts.

It is my sincere hope that we can work together to provide our hard-working families with a fair and equitable child tax credit.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REVEREND DR. HENRY P. DAVIS, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize an exemplary individual, Reverend Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr. This year marks Reverend Davis's 30th Anniversary as Pastor for the Saint Paul Baptist Church of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. On July 13, 2003 Reverend Davis will be honored for his commitment and extraordinary service to his community over the past 30 years.

Reverend Davis's educational achievement has aided him tremendously in serving his congregation and surrounding communities. After earning his Bachelor of Science degree from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, the Reverend went on to receive a Master of Education degree from Prairie View A&M University. He was later awarded a Master of Divinity degree from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary and a honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Rankin's Theological Clinic. Reverend Davis is also the recipient of a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University.

Reverend Davis has stood out amongst his peers for his exceptional leadership skills. Over the past few years Reverend Davis has served as the Moderator of the Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association, which consists of 32 churches throughout Monmouth and Ocean counties. He is the former Treasurer of the General Baptist Convention of New Jersey and served as the Secretary of the Moderator's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, for over a decade. Presently, Reverend Davis serves on the Executive Board of the